

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 407

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to congratulate Dr. Mary Evans Sias on the occasion of her inauguration as president of Kentucky State University; and

**WHEREAS**, A summa cum laude graduate in sociology from Tougaloo College in Mississippi, Dr. Sias received a master's degree and a doctorate in sociology from the University of Wisconsin in Madison; she added to these impressive credentials with a master's degree in business administration from Abilene Christian College; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sias served as an assistant professor at Grambling State University, Southern Methodist University, and The University of Texas at Dallas; she taught a wide spectrum of courses, ranging from demography to social stratification and urban planning; and

**WHEREAS**, While serving as senior vice president for student affairs and external relations at The University of Texas at Dallas, Dr. Sias developed innovative recruiting programs, improved diversity of the student body, and successfully implemented staff reorganizations in several departments; and

**WHEREAS**, In her short time at Kentucky State University, her strategies have already substantially increased the applications received; she has established a successful Presidential Alumni Scholarship challenge and a matching endowment campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, A dynamic and enthusiastic leader, Dr. Sias has contributed to educational innovation and the progress of higher education, and she truly deserves legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Mary Evans Sias for her numerous achievements and congratulate her on her inauguration as president of Kentucky State University; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate